

Project Grow Board Minutes

April 7th, 2022

Zoom

Meeting began at 7:06 pm

Board members present:

Royer Held

Joe Schutte

Jesse Raudenbush

W. Scott Richardson

Sharon Fay

Joanie Stovall

Dan Noble

also: Kirk Jones: Managing Director,

Absent: Dave Corsa, Joet Reoma, Marcella Trautmann

Meeting started at 7:08PM

Marcella nominated for a three-year board position. She was elected unanimously by the board members present.

January board minutes approved

Managing Director's Report (copied directly from the report with comments included in red)

Community Gardens

Registration is going well with 401 confirmed and 16 unconfirmed on March 9th. This is about 25 behind last year but more than any other year except 2021.

Many sites are filled. We still have plots at:

Airport

FG 1 full

Chapel Hill 3

Ellsworth 1

County Farm Discovery 5

AACIL 2

Odds and Ends Opening Gardens

Hydrant connections have been ordered for May 10th.

I'm still getting numbers from site coordinators about how many stakes they need.

Compost Delivery

Joanie worked something out with Parks for compost delivery for County Farm but I think it's still unresolved for other sites. Any news?

No news. A garden coordinator has to be on site with deliveries of compost. Waiting on info from insurance guy through Eric.

Member Handbook Revisions

There is a final version on the website here that includes site coordinator revisions and final reworking by me and Joanie to smooth it out. I plan to send a link to all our gardeners soon.

Plant Sale

Right now we have 92 advance orders for around 1700. Peppers and basil all look good but we had a disaster with tomatoes damping off because the grow mix had been contaminated by mice. We ultimately decided to resow all the tomatoes about 10 days ago in fresh grow mix and they look great.

I've talked to almost everyone on the committee and some board members about delaying the sale for one week until May 14th. It should not present a problem for most people if we can announce it weeks ahead of the sale. Does anyone have a problem with this?

We will be moving tomatoes, sweet peas, and lisianthus to Dawn Farm Saturday and the peppers and basil probably Sunday.

Moving the sale to the 14th.

Talk at Ann Arbor Farm and Garden

Joanie and I will be giving a talk to Ann Arbor Farm and Garden next week. We spent some time planning and are meeting tomorrow to finish things up.

Training

Joanie and I have been working together on registration and talk or text almost every day. We have divided the gardens between us and we are each doing about half. This continues to work well.

Treasurer's Report

No report this month as Dave was absent.

50th Anniversary

Scott started the report celebrating 50 years of PG (& recorded it!).

Shirt purchase approved.

Gardener Potluck in July at Island Park.

50th Anniversary on Aug 20th. Leslie will charge us \$250. We have 4 food trucks interested. We are using a promotional price of \$50 to reserve their spot.

Education Committee

Very successful talk by Greg Steere from MSU. Greg offered Royer potatoes & he brought back over 300lbs. Most of these will go to Kim at the refugee garden.

14th of April Tomato

Plant Sale

Plant sale covered above.

Info Tech

VOID (website builders) may be able to set up a site with out existing provider. Opened a new site with Blue Host. Had some problems. Once the seed share is done, Joanie will move on to the website.

Status of Restated Articles of Incorporation

The state has accepted the articles.

Brochure

Sharon will get the final price for 500 & 1000 & send it out in the next day or two. The consensus was we will likely get 1000.

Report on Vestergaard meeting

We sent a letter endorsing Mike Vestergaard's purchase of the land at Liberty & Wagner. If Mike succeeds, we would get a site at that location.

County Farm Site Coordinators

Sharon & Joanie are resigning as coordinators for 2022. Scott will be a site coordinator. As far as we know Karl & Nan are staying but we will verify that. We will be sending out a request for volunteers for another coordinator.

Update on diversity, inclusion, and equity initiative

Joe has a package to share on diversity & inclusion. We will keep this

Creation of committee to consider changes to bylaws to address conflict resolution

Introduce into the bylaws a defined process to resolve conflict. We want to move this to later in the year.

PFC Fundraiser

Scott visited PFC & it seems that it was very successful. PFC wants to present the award with a giant check/photo session.

Jack Johnson Fund Raiser

"All at Once Campaign" & they will match any donation. Dan will talk to Scott about past experience.

Meeting ended at 8:37PM